(ग) पिछले दो महीनों के दौरान कुल 240 (दो सौ चालीस) उग्रवादी मारे गए हैं।

कश्मीर घाटी में उग्रवादियों द्वारा अपहृत विदेशी नागरिक

31. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय**: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले दो महीनों में कश्मीर घाटी में उग्रवादियों द्वारा कितने विदेशी नागरिकों का अपहरण किया गया ; और

(ख) इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०एम० जैकब): (क) और (ख) 14 और 15 अक्तूबर, 1991 की मध्य रात्रि को एक फ्रांसीसी राष्ट्रिक, श्री एंटोनी सिलवा, जो कि डलहस्ती पन-विद्युत परियोजना में एक अभियन्ता थे, के लापता होने की सूचना मिली थी। उनकी कार एक दर्रे की तलहटी में चली हुई और टुकड़े-टुकड़े हुई पाई गई परन्तु उसका कुछ पता नहीं चला। बाद में 17-10-1991 को, जम्मू और कश्मीर के आतंकवादियों की एक शाखा "अल-फतह" ने उसके अपहरण की जिम्मेदारी ली है।

असम में उग्रवादियों को बातचीत के लिए आमंत्रित करने के बारे में फार्मूला

32. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय**: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने असम के उग्रवादियों को बातचीत के लिए आमंत्रित करने के बारे में कोई फार्मूला तैयार किया है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब): सरकार ने असम उग्रवादियों से बात करने के लिए कोई फार्मूला तैयार नहीं किया है। तथापि, असम सरकार द्वारा यूनाइटिड लिबरेशन फ्रंट आफ असम (यु एल एफ ए) को बातचीत के लिए बुलाया गया था तथा उनसे भारत के संविधान को स्वीकार करने और हिंसा त्यागने को कहा गया था। उल्फा ने इस प्रस्ताव का सकारात्मक रूप से जवाब नहीं दिया। अखिल भारतीय बोडो युनियन (ए बी एस यु) असम सरकार के साथ बातचीत करती आ रही है, जिसमें केन्द्र सरकार के प्रतिनिधि भी भाग लेते रहे हैं।

33. [Transferred to the 26th November, 1991]

Kandla-Bhatinda Pipeline Project

34. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the progress made in the construction of Kandla-Bhatinda pipeline Project and its present cost;

(b) whether the work has been allotted to any company; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the likely dates of commissioning of this project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B SHANKRANAND): (a) Basic design and engineering has been completed

consultants have been appointed. Acquisition of land for Right of way is in progress. Orders have been placed for supply of indigenous line pipes. The approved project cost is about Rs. 917 crores.

(b) Work has been allotted to M/s. Bechtel for back-up consultancy, M/s. EIL for project monitoring and construction supervision and M/s. SAIL for supply of indigenous line pipes.

(c) As per the Government approval the project is expected to be commissioned by 1993.

SAARC strategy for population control

35. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meet on population policy of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries was held recently at Delhi; if so, when and the number of delegates who participated therein; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in the meeting it was highlighted that there has been substantial growth in the size of population of the SAARC countries; if so, what steps were recommended in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes please. It was held at New Delhi from the 7th to 10th October, 1991 in which 11 delegates representing Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka participated.

(b) Recognising the problem of the rapid growth of population in the region, the workshop made many recommendations to tackle it. These include the need for (1) evolving well defined national population policies with definite goals and objectives, (2) strong political commitment in support of the population control programmes, (3) promoting active community participation in implementation o these programmes, (4) increasing coverage of younger age couples with high fertility potential through vigorous promotion of spacing methods, (5) strengthening of programmes for maternal and child health care and (6) collaboration amongst the SAARC Countries to pool and share experiences to further improve their national programmes.

Ban on smoking in public places

36. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND WELARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a legislation for prohibition of smoking in public places and for imposing ban on consumption of tobacco as well as its products in public offices; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when a Bill to this effect is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Administrative instructions have already been issued to prohibit smoking, to start with, in a few selected public places namely hospitals, dispensaries and other health care establishments, educational institutions, conference rooms, domestic air flights, air conditioned chair-cars and air conditioned sleeper coaches in trains, sub-urban trains and air-conditioned buses.

Passenger amenities in long distance trains

37. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing amenities for passengers in the trains, particularly in long distance trains, are inadequate;